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General Assembly

Seventieth session

General Committee

09:30	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Secretary-General (document A/70/233) [item 7]

General Assembly

Thirtieth special session

Special session on the World Drug Problem

[webcast]

10:00	1st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chair of the delegation of Denmark [item 1]

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Security Council

10:00	7674th meeting	Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

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2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [item 2]
3. Credentials of representatives to the special session of the General Assembly: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 3]
4. Election of the President and other officers [item 4]
5. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its preparatory work (A/S-30/4) [item 5]
6. Organization of the session and adoption of the agenda (A/S-30/1) [item 6]
7. Adoption of the final document: draft resolution (A/S-30/1) [item 8]
8. General debate [item 7]

His Excellency Jimmy Morales, President of the Republic of Guatemala

His Excellency Enrique Peña Nieto, President of the United Mexican States

Her Excellency Ana Helena Chacón, Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica

Her Excellency Isabel De Saint Malo de Alvarado, Vice-President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama

China

Azerbaijan

Montenegro

Dominican Republic

European Union

Norway

Nigeria

Afghanistan

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Tajikistan

15:00 2nd plenary meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

General debate [item 7] (*continued*)

India

Tunisia

Switzerland

United Kingdom

France

New Zealand

Sweden

Uruguay

Angola

South Africa

Malaysia

Turkey

Japan

Morocco

Niger

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Cabo Verde

Lebanon

Maldives

Uganda

Trinidad and Tobago

Interactive multi-stakeholder round table 1 [webcast]

"Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as health-related issues; and ensuring the availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion ('drugs and health')"

15:00

Conference Room 4

[Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the World Drug Problem.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building.

Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their permanent mission and clicking on

the "Bilateral" tab. The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request.

For further information regarding bilateral requests, please contact bilats-msu@un.org.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the thirtieth special session on the World Drug Problem can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10:00	276th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session

Working Group II

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of participants are invited to communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.]

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

1. Briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
2. Other matters

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

09:00 to 10:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing for civil society and the business sector

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

10:00 to 11:00 — Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development: round tables and panel discussion [item 2 (c)]

Round table A "Global framework for financing sustainable development"

Interactive discussion

[*For details on the round table A, please click here.*]

11:00 to 13:00 — Round table B "Domestic and international public resources"

Interactive discussion

[*For details on the round table B, please click here.*]

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 16:00 — Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development: round tables and panel discussion [item 2 (c)]

Panel discussion on the Global Infrastructure Forum

Presentation of the outcome of the Global Infrastructure Forum

Interactive discussion

[*For details on the panel discussion, please click here.*]

16:00 to 18:00 — Round table C "Domestic and international private business and finance"

Interactive discussion

[*For details on the round table C, please click here.*]

[Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

The general debate will continue on Wednesday, 20 April, from 16:30 to 17:30. The time limit set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Forum can be consulted by *clicking here*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the

PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their Permanent Mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab. The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request. For further information regarding bilateral requests, contact bilats-msu@un.org.]

Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Fifteenth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Ensuring prioritization and decision-making that is fair, responsive, inclusive, participatory and accountable at all levels (E/C.16/2016/3) [item 3 (a)]

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Improving engagement and communication between government and stakeholders, including through access to information, open government, and electronic and mobile solutions (E/C.16/2016/4) [item 3 (b)]

General discussion

[For further information and to access the official documents of the session, please *click here*.

The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart6@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the portal. Please indicate in the subject your delegation name and agenda item.]

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 7

Event on "Climate Change for Sustainable and Green Development" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing on "The G-20 agenda during the presidency of the G-20 by China" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of China and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

All permanent representatives of the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Shifaana Thowfeequ, UN-OHRLLS (e-mail thowfeequ@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0198).

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Thirtieth special session

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Special session on the World Drug Problem

10:00 3rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

General debate [item 7] (*continued*)

Singapore

Denmark

Canada

South Africa

Bahamas

Georgia

Philippines

Argentina

Croatia

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Botswana

Malta

Jamaica

Germany

Indonesia

Sudan

Sri Lanka

Belarus

Czech Republic

Cuba

Interactive multi-stakeholder round table 2

"Supply reduction and related measures; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation ('drugs and crime')"

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 4th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

General debate [item 7] (*continued*)

Italy

Estonia

Thailand

Lithuania

Republic of Korea

Spain

Zambia

Poland

Kazakhstan

Romania

Viet Nam

Latvia

Australia

Greece

Albania

Hungary

United States

Kuwait

Luxembourg

Austria

Madagascar

Barbados

Portugal

Belgium

Guinea

Guyana

Israel

Interactive multi-stakeholder round table 3

"Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights; youth, women, children and communities"

15:00 Conference Room 4

High-level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Thursday, 21 April 2016

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015, 18 January 2016 and 4 April 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building.

Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their permanent mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab.

The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request.

For further information regarding bilateral requests, please contact bilats-msu@un.org.

Collection of invitations and collection of secondary passes for interactive discussions

Formal invitations for the high-level lunch and the high-level reception, hosted by the President of the General Assembly, have been placed in the Member States pigeon holes, located in GA-3B-710.

Access passes (two per delegation) will be required to enter the ECOSOC Chamber. These passes must be collected in advance from the Office of the President of the General Assembly on the 3rd floor of the Conference Building (CB-0306).

Passes will be available for collection from 15:00 to 17:00, *today*, 19, tomorrow, 20 April 2016.

Additional information on the High-level Thematic Debate is available on the President of the General Assembly website (*click here*).

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

Monday, 2 May 2016

10:00 Conference Room 3

The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued in document A/C.5/70/L.33.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit any change or update to their official list of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by sending a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and/or completing form A/INF/70/2 and sending it to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

13:15 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

With the Police Review Panel

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2016

Monday, 25 April 2016

15:00 Conference Room 5

To elect the Bureau for 2016 and to adopt the annotated provisional agenda contained in document A/AC.172/2016/L.1, which includes an agenda item on the review of the proposed strategic framework for the period of 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog.1)). For all relevant documents of the Committee, please *click here*.

The session will be PaperSmart. Official documentation of the session will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32 (Supp), and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32 (Supp), non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request *in writing* to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).

Committee on Information
Thirty-eighth session

Tuesday, 26 April, to Friday, 6 May 2016 Conference Room 4

Member States wishing to inscribe their names for the General Debate on Tuesday, 26 and Wednesday, 27 April 2016, should please send an e-mail to committeeoninformation@un.org.

The afternoon of Tuesday, 26 April, will be devoted to an informal interactive session where the Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will discuss matters relating to the Department with members of the Committee.

The thirty-eighth session of the Committee on Information is being served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, *as soon as available*, and at least *one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and the email subject should include the entity name, meeting name and related agenda item. PDF format is preferred.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the Portal.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Briefing

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Vice-President of the Council (Switzerland) will hold a briefing on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment (27 to 29 June 2016) of the 2016 session of the Council.

All permanent missions and observers are invited to attend.

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

The Vice-President of the Council (Honduras) will hold an informal briefing with the representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, on the second phase of the Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail pricec@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1523).

Integration segment

Monday, 2, to Wednesday, 4 May 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The integration segment (agenda item 8) will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Estonia). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/206, the theme for the segment is "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through policy innovation and integration". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. Additional information, including the draft programme and related side events is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Filipa Correia, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail correiaf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8969).

The *general discussion of the segment* will be held on Monday, 2 May 2016, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 4 May, from 12:00 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271)). *Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.* The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the segment to the Secretary of the Council (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council.

PaperSmart arrangement is available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Special meeting on the impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon: Reducing risks and capturing opportunities

Friday, 6 May 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/110, the President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene the special meeting as an opportunity to discuss the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon.

All are invited to attend. The concept note and programme are available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-sixth session
Organizational session

Thursday, 21 April 2016

15:00 Conference Room 5

To elect its Bureau. The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2016/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2016/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2016/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fifteenth session

Monday, 9, to Friday, 20 May 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2016/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2016/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Only those observers who indicate their participation by *Wednesday, 27 April 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fifteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous. The fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal.

Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The list of speakers *is open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 2nd meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

Voting to select laureates

Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Twelfth session

Monday, 25 April 2016

09:30 to 10:30 Conference Room 2

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/214, the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold the first meeting of its twelfth session, for the sole purpose of electing its officers in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

In preparation for its 2016 annual session, on: (a) Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF and mid-term review of the strategic plan; (b) Mid-term review of the UNICEF integrated budget; and (c) Annual report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Ninth session

Tuesday, 14, to Thursday, 16 June 2016

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are *162* States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is *108* States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

The *election* to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information).

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the Secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For *further information* concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org) or visit UN Enable website (www.un.org/disabilities).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

High-level Forum on "The Africa We Want in 2030, 2063 and Beyond: Early Action and Results on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in the context of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Africa's Transformative Agenda 2063: Opportunities and Challenges" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, the African Union and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa, OSAA (e-mail wasswa-mugambwa@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9576); Mr. Magnus Lennartsson, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail magnus.lennartsson@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2546); or Mr. Ayoup Zaid Elrashidi, Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (e-mail elrashdiaz@africa-union.org; tel. 1 (212) 319-7135); or please *click here*.

Event on "Building a Resilient Future through Water – Connecting the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), in collaboration with the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation and the Rockefeller Foundation)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Sweden (Ms. Anneli Bailey (e-mail anneli.bailey@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2521); or Ms. Karin Lexén (e-mail karin.lexen@siwi.org)).

Opening of the photo exhibition "Chernobyl: Tragedy, Lessons, Hope" commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus, Project Chernobyl, Russian American Foundation and unite4:good)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

18:00 South Wall Area, First Floor, Conference Building

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Vitaly Mackay, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail vitaly.mackay@gmail.com).

Event on "Communicating the Sustainable Development Goals – For everyone" (co-organized by the European Commission, European Union, the World's Best News and Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign)

Thursday, 21 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Stina Soewarta, European Commission (e-mail stina.soewarta@ec.europa.eu); or Mr. Thomas Ravn-Pedersen (e-mail trp@dca.dk). To register, please *click here*.

Special event on promoting South-South cooperation on climate change and launch of the Southern Climate Partnership Incubator (co-organized by Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC))

Thursday, 21 April 2016

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Xiaohua Zhang, EOSG (e-mail zhang69@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6362; or Ms. Teresa Liu, UNOSSC (e-mail teresa.liu@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5336).

Event on "Towards Nature Based Solutions: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change" (organized by the International Union for Conservation for Nature (IUCN), in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS))

Friday, 22 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

Informal interactive panel discussion on "Understanding large movements of refugees and migrants" (organized by the Global Migration Group (GMG), in collaboration with the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Monday, 25 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Global Migration Group (e-mail gmgchair@unwomen.org).

Event entitled "Atrocity Crimes, Transitional Justice and Healing of Memories" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and the World Council of Churches)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margaret Agondua, Permanent Mission of South Africa (e-mail agonduam@dirco.gov.za; tel. 1 (212) 692-2486).

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (on the country programme document for South Sudan)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 11

All member and observer delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Special event on "Digital Creativity: Reimagining Culture for Sustainable Development" (on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day) (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia)

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail newyork.office@wipo.int; tel. 1 (212) 963-6813).

Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Friday, 29 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1.

For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva (9-13 May 2016)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2015/246 of 22 July 2015, the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 9, to Friday, 13, May 2016 in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2016/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sans, Chief, Science, Technology and ICT Branch (e-mail angel.gonzalez-sanz@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-5508; fax 01141-22-917-0052), and Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science and Technology Section, UNCTAD (e-mail dong.wu@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-4171; fax 01141-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here*.

Inquiries on the nineteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building.

Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their permanent mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab. The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request. For further information regarding bilateral requests, please contact bilats-msu@un.org.

Opening for signature of the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey (23-24 May 2016)

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

In commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs has recently added the following interview recordings to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: President Ronny Abraham – "La Cour internationale de Justice à l'aube de son soixante-dixième anniversaire" and the Registrar, Mr. Philippe Couvreur – "Le déroulement du procès devant la Cour internationale de Justice". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 70/32, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/19-2016/D&D dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/44, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/15-2016/CAC dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/46, para. 16, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016 refers); and

Resolution 69/57, paras. 2 and 8, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2016/AADU dated 8 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, the information relevant to Resolution 70/21, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/17-2017/OIMM dated 8 February 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here)*; or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Security Council documentation

Finding speeches

Law Library overview

General Assembly documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 18 April 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7673rd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Viet Nam to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and His Excellency Wilfried I. Emvula, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by His Excellency Murray McCully, Minister for Foreign Affairs of New Zealand; and by the representatives of the United States, France, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Spain, Malaysia, Angola, the United Kingdom, Japan, Egypt, Uruguay, Senegal and Ukraine, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

The Council heard statement a statement by Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development and Cooperation of Sweden.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the Council heard a statement by the representative of Brazil.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), India, Iraq and Indonesia.

The Council heard a statement by the the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, South Africa, Cuba and Kuwait (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conference).

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Wilfried I. Emvula, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Council also heard statements by the representatives of Nicaragua, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Maldives, Turkey, Iceland, Viet Nam, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Qatar, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Morocco, Tunisia and Nigeria.

The representatives of Israel and Malaysia made further statements.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up

[archived video]

1st meeting

Opening of the inaugural session of the forum

The President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), declared open the inaugural session of the forum.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 1]

The forum adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/FFDF/2016/1.

The President informed the forum that, in his absence, the Vice-Presidents of the Council for the 2016 session would chair the meetings of the forum.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal by the President, the forum agreed on the rules of procedure to be applied to meetings of the forum.

Opening statements

The President of the Council made an opening statement.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, addressed the forum.

Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development [item 2]

(a) Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Council began its consideration of agenda item 2 and its sub-item (a) and heard video messages by Ms. Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, and by Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

A statement was made by Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships of the World Bank Group.

Statements were then made by intergovernmental representatives of institutional stakeholders as follows: Mr. Bambang Brodjonegoro, Chair of the Development Committee, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank; Mr. Alfredo Suescum, President of the Trade and Development Board, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and Mr. Calvin McDonald, Deputy Secretary of the International Monetary Fund and Acting Secretary of the International Monetary and Financial Committee.

Keynote presentations were delivered by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and Chair of the United Nations Development Group, Ms. Helen Clark; the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Chair of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development, Mr. Wu Hongbo; the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi; and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (on behalf of the regional commissions), Ms. Shamshad Akhtar.

(b) General debate

The forum began its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by: Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner in charge of International Cooperation and Development of the European Union; Her Excellency Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development of Sweden; His Excellency Miguel Ángel Moir, Minister of Planning of Guatemala; His Excellency Ivan Zarak, Vice-Minister of Economy of Panama; His Excellency Cristiaan Rebergen, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of the Netherlands; His Excellency Mohammad Khazaee Torshizi, Vice-Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Islamic Republic of Iran; His Excellency Virachai Plasai, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); His Excellency Richard Nduhuura, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations (on behalf of the African Group); Ms. Azeema Adam, Governor of the Maldives Monetary Authority (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States); Her Excellency Mary Elizabeth Flores, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations (also on behalf of a core group of countries supportive of middle-income countries: Armenia, Belarus, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and the Philippines); Ms. Gina Casar, Executive Director of the Mexican Agency for International

Development Cooperation; Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, State Secretary for Development Policy of Denmark; Mr. Roberto B. Tan, National Treasurer of the Department of Finance, Bureau of the Treasury of the Philippines; His Excellency Nawaf Salam, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations; Ms. Najla Al Kaabi, Assistant Undersecretary of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Geir O. Pedersen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations; Mr. Giampaolo Cantini, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy; His Excellency Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations; His Excellency Miguel Camilo Ruiz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations; His Excellency Carlos Duarte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations; Ms. Yuthika Indraratne, Director of Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka; Mr. Toferry Primanda Soetikno, Director of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs of Indonesia; and Mr. Mario Pezzini, Director, Development Centre and Acting Director, Development Co-operation Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Honduras.)

2nd meeting

The summary of the 2nd meeting of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2016/77).

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Uganda
His Excellency Richard Nduhuura

Asia-Pacific States
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
His Excellency Gholamali Khoshroo

Eastern European States
Belarus
His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States
Argentina
His Excellency Martín García Moritán

Western European and other States
Malta
His Excellency Christopher Grima

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail emeetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

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Communications to the President of the Security Council

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